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GOVERNOR PATRICK CELEBRATES GLOBAL WIND COMPANY VESTAS' EXPANSION IN MARLBOROUGH

Global turbine manufacturer Vestas to make Marlborough a North American hub for R&D

MARLBOROUGH – November 17, 2011 – Governor Deval Patrick today joined officials of Vestas – American Wind Technology, Inc. to celebrate the start of a \$16 million expansion that will make Marlborough the new North American hub for Vestas' research, development, testing and verification of electric power generators used in its wind turbines. Through the expansion, Vestas will hire 66 new employees and nearly triple its total workforce to more than 100 in Marlborough.

"In Massachusetts, we are focused on growing a vibrant clean energy sector and that is translating into new and exciting business growth," said Governor Patrick. "I thank Vestas for basing a major hub of their North American operations here in the Commonwealth and I look forward to the jobs this expansion will bring."

Vestas plans to construct a 27,000-square-foot research and development facility at 100 Crowley Drive in Marlborough, putting into productive use property that has been underutilized or abandoned for more than two years. In addition, Vestas will rent an adjacent 13,000 square feet of office space. The company's purchase of 8.5 acres leaves open the door for future expansion.

A world leader in wind power systems, Vestas has installed more than 44,000 wind turbines in 67 countries, including more than 12,000 in North America. Based in Denmark with North American headquarters in Portland, Oregon and technology research centers in Massachusetts, Texas and Colorado, Vestas currently employs 34 people in Hudson and Marlborough and will add 66 more as part of its consolidation of those two offices into an expanded facility in Marlborough. By 2014, the company expects a total workforce of more than 100 in Marlborough, including management, professional and skilled worker positions.

"Vestas is making this strategic investment for the development of advanced power components for our future generations of turbines, and we are excited to locate this important new facility in Marlborough," said Finn Strom Madsen, president of technology R&D at Vestas Wind Systems. "The outstanding engineering and scientific community in Massachusetts provides Vestas with a highly qualified workforce and tremendous opportunities for research collaboration. Through our expanded presence here, we look forward to further establishing Massachusetts as a center of excellence for the nation's renewable power industry."

According to the 2011 Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Report released last month by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), nearly a third of the 4,909 clean energy companies in Massachusetts work in the wind sector.

The Patrick-Murray Administration has been in discussions with Vestas since March 2010 regarding the Commonwealth's desire to see Vestas expand within the state and options for that expansion. This September, the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council awarded Vestas an EDIP-Investment Tax Credit valued at \$428,400 over six years.

Under Governor Patrick's leadership, Massachusetts has seen installed wind power grow from just 3.1 megawatts (MW) in 2007 to more than 40 MW today. In addition, with the aid of a \$25 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant from the US Department of Energy, MassCEC opened the world-class Wind Technology Testing Center in Charlestown last spring. The state's first utility-scale onshore wind farm, Berkshire Wind, came on line in May.

"We are thrilled that Vestas recognizes that Massachusetts means business when it comes to clean energy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Richard K. Sullivan, Jr. "The company's decision to locate here marks another chapter in the Commonwealth's wind power success story."

"I applaud Vestas plan to invest \$16 million in its expanded research and design facility in Marlborough," said Representative John D. Keenan, Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee House chair. "With its support for renewable energy, a green

economy and green jobs, Massachusetts is leading the nation in energy policy. I congratulate Vestas on their significant growth and thank them for their contribution to the Commonwealth's clean energy job sector. "

In addition to the Commonwealth's support for Vestas' expansion, the city of Marlborough provided incentives in the form of an agreement that reduces the company's real and personal property taxes over a ten-year period.

"I'm pleased to see that the teamwork between First Colony, Vestas, the Commonwealth, and the city of Marlborough resulted in this great economic development project," said Jon Delli Priscoli, president of First Colony Development, developer of Vestas' 100 Crowley Drive research and development building. "What we are breaking ground on here today is already creating jobs, and will bring more jobs and revenue to our city as we move forward."

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